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ASSASSINS CAPTURED.

Murdered American Sympathizers in Luzon.

THEY MAY BE HUNG OR SHOT.

Bands of Guerrillas in Certain Sections. They Ambush Commissary Wagons and Pick Up Soldiers Who Leave Their Commands—Executed a Filipino.

MANILA, Dec. 13.—Colonel Smith, with a detachment of the Seventeenth infantry, surrounded and captured in a village near Malasqui a party of guerrillas who had made their headquarters there. The party included the band which assassinated seven officials at Malasqui for friendliness to the Americans.

All are insurgents who became bandits when the disintegration of the Filipino army began. They kept the country around Malasqui in a state of terror for several weeks and committed 25 murders in less than that number of days. When they were caught they were promptly sent to General MacArthur's headquarters at Bayanbong by train.

It is expected that they will be speedily tried and either shot or hung as an example, if convicted.

The whole country north of San Fernando and Manila, except within the permanent line of troops around the city and the closely patrolled stretches of railroad, swarms with similar bands. Probably they will be increased by men from Pilar's army, many of whom are making their way south to join the insurgent force in Cavite province.

These people, for the most part, succeeded in dodging General Grant, Colonel Bell and Colonel Hood's troops, who are scouring the country for them. They devote their energies to ambushing commissary wagons and to picking up soldiers who leave their commands. Every day some wagon train is fired upon or some soldier disappears.

General Wheeler's secretary, Mr. Garrett, was disarmed and slashed by a boloman almost within sight of headquarters, his assailant pursuing him nearly into the headquarters building. The policy of these ruffians is to make the country uninhabitable for Americans and to frighten natives into refusing from giving assistance to the Americans, as well as to compel the inhabitants to support the insurrection.

Frequently they raid and loot towns. The brother of the president of Insurgents outside the town the other day to harvest some rice. He was captured by his compatriots, accused of being a spy and executed. Only a small proportion of the insurgent army have been surrendered and the problem of suppressing this guerrilla warfare is anything but easy of solution. Some of the American officers think it worse than fighting Indians, owing to the difficulties of the country and the trouble in locating the enemy, who resort when hard pressed to the Amigo dodge and hide their guns.

Some of the Americans favor the issuance of a proclamation declaring all natives found with arms to be bandits, punishable as criminals instead of being treated as prisoners of war.

Information was received at headquarters that 500 Spanish prisoners have been shipped from Vigan to Manila, and that 1,500 others have been assembled at Vigan, including General Pena. Probably these are Spaniards released by General Young's troops in the Benguet district, where they were concentrated by the insurgents.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Reuters' Telegram company received the following dispatch from Hongkong:

"The insurgent government (so called) of the Philippines will be changed to a dictatorship, to continue hostilities against the Americans exclusively by the methods of guerrilla warfare. The Filipino army is being split up into small bands, the troops taking an oath before separation that they will fight until their country's rights are recognized.

"A force of United States troops who landed at Vigan, south Ilocos province, from the United States battleship Oregon, was defeated by the Filipinos under General Fajardo (Timor) on Dec. 4. The Manila newspapers, despite the censorship, admit that General Lawton is missing."

The foregoing dispatch was evidently sent by the Filipino junta in Hongkong.

OVER 3,000 RELEASED.

Otis Cabled That Many Spanish Were Freed Within a Month—A Dispatch on Situation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The war department received the following dispatches:

"MANILA, Dec. 12.—Two thousand additional Spanish prisoners secured in Northern Luzon, making over 3,000 released within a month; 700 now en route from Vigan and transports will be sent for remainder.

"MANILA, Dec. 12.—In Bulacan province the insurgents have been scattered and driven east to the mountains. Our casualties in that section in the last few days were ten. The insurgent casualties in killed, wounded and prisoners aggregate 100. Considerable insurgent property with records, arms and ammunition have been captured. Our troops are now in the mountains in pursuit. The insurgents have been driven from Subig bay and the marines now occupy a naval station there. Our column moving west from Talar is now on the west coast of Luzon, where it has been supplied. It encountered little resistance.

"A column is now moving south and west from Dagupan along the coast. There is no concentrated insurgent force of importance in Luzon north of Manila. Southern Luzon will not offer any serious resistance. Troops are co-operating in that section. Organized rebellion no longer exists and our troops are actively pursuing robber bands. All important and threatened centres of population in the north have been occupied.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S ACTION.

Resolution Introduced in Senate, as to Whether He Recognized the Rebel Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Whether Admiral Dewey, acting for the United States government, formally or informally recognized the Philippine republic at Manila, is a question which Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, desires the navy department to answer. He introduced a resolution directing the secretary of the navy to supply the senate with information on the subject, but Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, objected to the immediate consideration.

Following this objection, Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. Chandler had a sharp tilt over the resolution offered Monday by the former demanding from the secretary of war an explanation of certain charges against General Merriam in his conduct of the Cour d'Alene trouble. Politics were interjected into the controversy and the personal references made by each senator against the other lent some liveliness to an otherwise quiet session.

After an executive session a message from the house was presented, announcing the death of Representative Daniel Emmentout of Pennsylvania, and on motion of Mr. Penrose (Pa.) the senate as a mark of respect adjourned.

Roberts Submitted His Brief.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Roberts investigating committee resumed its session for some time behind closed doors. An adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock today, when the actual hearing of witnesses will begin. Mr. Roberts saw Mr. Taylor as soon as the committee adjourned and submitted his brief. Mr. Roberts' brief is a lengthy legal argument against the rights of the committee.

For Northern District of Ohio.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The president sent the following nomination, among others, to the senate: John J. Sullivan of Ohio to be United States district attorney for the northern district of Ohio.

Taylor Inaugurated Governor.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 13.—William S. Taylor was inaugurated as governor here. Retiring Governor Bradley in the course of his speech said that he hoped the Goebel election law which had brought so much turmoil to the state, would be wiped from the statute books. Governor-elect Taylor in the course of his inaugural address said one of the chief aims of his administration would be to secure the repeal of the election law. The lately defeated Democratic candidate for state offices began serving notices of contests against the Republican candidates who were given certificates of election last week.

Republican League Convention Wanted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The executive committee of the national Republican league of clubs met here for the purpose of deciding upon a city for holding the next convention of the league. A resolution was unanimously adopted, reciting that in the death of Vice President Hobart the league had lost a warm friend and supporter, the senate a wise and impartial presiding officer and the nation an irreparable loss. The advantages of St. Paul, Minn., for the convention place and Sioux Falls, S. D., were set forth.

Verdict Against Bankers.

LIMA, O., Dec. 13.—A verdict for \$18,000 was returned against N. L. Michael and Gus Kalb, vice president and cashier of the American National bank, by the jury in the suit brought by the board of directors. The bank was mysteriously robbed in December of last year. The defendants testified that the doors were closed and locked, but experts swore this to be an impossibility. The suit was brought on the grounds of negligence.

Church Destroyed by a Storm.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 13.—During a cyclonic storm the Christian church at Cooksville was completely demolished and the schoolhouse badly damaged. At Saybrook roofs were blown from business houses. At Lexington considerable damage was done the new schoolhouse and a panic caused among the 300 scholars. No one was seriously injured. Several other buildings were unroofed.

Preacher Died Suddenly.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The Rev. Francis D. Hodgson, aged 67 years, a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in Newark, N. J. Mr. Hodgson was also a teacher in several high schools in western New York, and from 1880 to 1887 a professor of mathematics in the University of California.

The Federation Convention.

DETROIT, Dec. 13.—The question of the seating of a single delegate occupied the American Federation of Labor convention the greater part of the session. The case in point was that of a member of a non-affiliated labor union, who urged admission as a delegate from the Central Labor union of Omaha.

Engineer Killed; Fireman Hurt.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 13.—Norfolk and Western passenger No. 3 ran into a siding at Panther. Engineer W. S. Bishop of Huntington was killed and Fireman Countz of Bluefield was fatally injured.

Pennsylvania State Grange.

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Dec. 13.—The twenty-seventh annual session of the Pennsylvania State grange opened in the court house here with over 400 delegates present.

English Transport Ashore.

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Dec. 13.—The British transport Denton Grange, with war munitions on board, was ashore outside the harbor and making water.

Woods' Nomination Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of Leonard Wood to be major general of volunteers.

PRESSURE TO SPEAK.

Members Want to Participate in Currency Debate.

TO BE THREE NIGHT SESSIONS.

Decided Upon to Accommodate Them. Mr. Grosvenor Made a Speech in Advocacy of the Bill—Cochran and Newlands Among the Speakers Against It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—There was such great pressure for time on the part of members on both sides who desire to participate in the currency debate in the house that three night sessions were ordered.

Mr. Driggs of New York, a Democrat, announced that he had pledged himself before election to support the gold standard and proposed to redeem that pledge. He will be joined by several of his Brooklyn colleagues and probably several others.

The features of the debate were the speeches of Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio for the bill and of Mr. Cochran of Missouri and Mr. Newlands of Nevada against it. The other speakers were Messrs. Parker of New Jersey, William Alden Smith of Michigan, Prince of Illinois, Lawrence of Massachusetts and Powers of Vermont for the bill, and Messrs. Shaffroth of Colorado and Sims of Tennessee against it.

In opening Mr. Grosvenor said he had hoped that the Democrats would meet the issue presented by the pending bill but they were here with the "same, old, stale battle cry of 18 to 2."

Going back to the platform declaration of 1896, Mr. Grosvenor produced a poll of the members of the committee on resolutions of the St. Louis convention to show that an overwhelming majority favored a gold declaration before the convention met. The only controversy since had been as to who was responsible for certain verbal phrases.

He reviewed the Democratic predictions in the last campaign, prophesying no relief, but continued falling prices, 10 cent corn, 25 cent wheat, 3 cent cotton and general distress, until free silver came, and then described how prosperity followed McKinley's election and the restoration of confidence.

The Democrats predicted we would have no foreign trade. That trade was now larger than at any period in our history. Another prediction was contraction of the currency. The currency had increased \$400,000,000 in three years. Referring to the question of anti-trust legislation, he challenged any Democrat to point out any addition which could be made constitutionally to the anti-trust law. He disavowed entirely from Mr. Bryan's remedy. He contended that congress could not assail corporations in the states; that the states should control and regulate their own domestic affairs.

In conclusion Mr. Grosvenor said in part: Mr. Chairman, the Republican party does not need oral argument in the halls of congress, nor dissertations in the press of the country upon these vital questions. There are voices which proclaim the triumph of Republicanism that do not depend upon human organs for their effectiveness. The mighty volumes of flames and smoke pouring from the chimneys of our great industrial establishments were a beacon light to heaven announcing the triumph of protective tariff and sound money. Mingled with the click of the pick in the coal mines of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and West Virginia in the voice of our workmen, well paid where starvation wages were in force, well fed where starvation stalked with giant horror—well clothed, well educated, satisfied contented, happy. On every railroad line from the Pacific shore to the coast tens of thousands of taken cars mingle the voice of machinery with the endorsement of Republican action. The happy husbandman upon millions of acres of fertile soil as he returns from his labor bringing his sheaves with him testifies in an advancing market wider demands for his product, the entering of a jubilee and his voice is heard in perpetual argument in favor of sound money and protection.

The scratch of the pen upon the record in the northwest and the southwest as it cancels millions of mortgages placed there in the hour of Democratic distress and starvation now cancelled by the payment of money that has come to the owners of these splendid farms through the intelligence and patriotism of Republican administration joins in the grand cry of endorsement all along the line.

Mr. Newlands (Nev.) traced the history of the country through the period of depression commencing in 1893, contending that the panic was not caused by the coinage of silver under the Sherman act. He said the increase of prosperity during the past two years demonstrates the correctness of the theory entertained by bimetallicists, viz., that all other things being equal, prices will depend upon the quantity of money in circulation; that an increase of the money volume meant higher prices and a diminution of the money volume meant lower prices.

Mr. Cochran (Mo.) opposed the bill in a speech, in which he contended that the real question presented by the pending bill was whether there was sufficient gold in the world upon which to pyramid the vast and constantly increasing volume of credit. He referred to the recent dispatches from London showing the struggle for gold all over Europe, and declared that the gold importations during the McKinley administration had produced the gold famine abroad. There was not enough gold in the world to do the business of the world. The importation of gold to pay for the surplus crops exported to supply the failure of crops abroad, Mr. Cochran claimed, had quickened trade and had produced the prosperity of which the Republicans boasted today. He warned the Republicans that when the stock of gold declined the prosperity of today would crumble like a house of cards. In the course of his speech, when Mr. Cochran reiterated Mr. Bryan's famous declaration concerning the crown of thorns and cross of gold the Republicans jeered derisively.

Later on Mr. Grosvenor (O.) announced the death of the late Representative Dantford of Ohio, and as a further mark of respect the house adjourned.

Buy your Christmas gifts at St. Timothy's market Saturday afternoon.

HAY EASY ON MACRUM.

Secretary's Son Said His Position Could Not Be Understood Until His Return.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Adelbert S. Hay, son of Secretary Hay and consul by appointment to Pretoria, is among the guests of the Holland House, awaiting today's departure of the St. Louis. Mr. Hay goes to South Africa to replace Mr. Macrum.

"There has been a tendency to agitate the position of Mr. Macrum," said Mr. Hay in answer to the question whether that ex-official were returning to this country as an "ambassador from Kruger." "Mr. Macrum has been on very friendly terms with the Transvaal government, but that has been his personal affair and something which he would not drag into public diplomacy carelessly. His position is not very well understood at present and it cannot be until he has reached this country and explained for himself. His suggestions will undoubtedly be acceptable to the department and throw light on the attitude of the government in the present war."

5,000 PEOPLE PERISHED.

Awful Results of Earthquake and Tidal Wave Along the Japanese Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The disaster that overtook the island of Ceram, on the second of last month cost the people of that district immense loss in life and property. The steamship America Maru, which arrived from the Orient brought advices from Ceram and reports that 5,000 people were destroyed on that island alone when the dreadful earthquakes of November shocked the Japanese coast and agitated the islands adjacent to the empire.

At Panboly and Samasocora, on the bay, the waves swept over the tops of trees 30 feet high. Out of nearly 1,500 inhabitants only 40 escaped.

The whole coast for miles was transformed into a huge mudpuddle. Corpses were everywhere.

The exact number killed along the coast will never be known, as the corpses are in many cases yards under the new ground. At Aotosia, out of 300 people, 100 were killed and 40 wounded.

PROPOSED PENNSY PENSION FUND.

Plan Approved by Boards of Directors of Some Systems.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—The officers of the proposed pension fund to be inaugurated by the Pennsylvania railroad on its entire system east of Pittsburgh and Erie, composed of the vice presidents and assistant controller of the company, have nearly completed their work. The plan has already been approved by the boards of directors of the Pennsylvania and the Northern Central railroad, and the boards of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore, the West Jersey and Sea Shore and the West Jersey Ferry company will also be asked to approve it.

One of the most important matters of detail is to fix the amount each pensioner of the company is to receive. While all details are being closely guarded, it is understood this amount will be on a percentage basis of the salary received during the ten years preceding the pension.

About 1,000 employees, it is said, will be retired under the provision of the pension fund on January 1. These will create a number of vacancies.

While no action has yet been taken looking to the adoption of the pension plan on the company's western system, an official of the fund said that its benefits would subsequently be extended to that system.

AFTER REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Philadelphians Called on President, Who Would Express No Preference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The contest over the place for holding the next Republican convention was begun at the White House with Philadelphia making the first effort to secure the favor of the president. A large delegation saw the president and explained to him the hopes of that city.

The president expressed his pleasure at meeting the delegates, but said it would be manifestly improper for him to express the slightest preference for any city in a contest of this character. A large delegation from Chicago is expected to arrive here today in the interest of that city.

Testified Against Molnueux.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The session in the trial of Roland B. Molnueux was devoted to the examination of William J. Kinsley, the handwriting expert. The important portion of the testimony may be summed up by the statement that he testified that after examining the samples of specimens of handwriting, including samples from every member and every employee of the Kueckerbocker Athletic club, he became convinced that one person wrote the so-called "Barney" and "Cornish" letters, that the same man wrote the address on the person package and that that man was Roland B. Molnueux.

Postmasters Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The senate confirmed nominations of postmasters in part as follows: West Virginia, J. K. McNally, Wellsburg; Pennsylvania, C. C. Schriber, Pottsville; Ohio, C. W. Carroll, St. Clairsville; J. R. Cram, Jannstown; C. C. Dewson, Cleveland; A. B. Edwards, Jr., Toronto; J. L. Gardner, Ripley; A. J. Henkle, Bridgeport; S. H. Hiles, Barnesville; V. E. Humphrey, Fayette; C. W. Jones, Waverly; A. H. McClune, Calla; D. M. McConnell, Osborne; W. N. Peirce, Greenville; C. S. Putnam, Conneaut; C. B. Saxby, Weston.

Pittsburg Killed in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—Henry S. Choate, of Pittsburg, was instantly killed at the new back bay station by a fall.

BRITISH DEFEATS.

Repulsed with Great Loss at Modder River.

BOERS ARE AGGRESSIVE.

England Fears the Loss of Methuen's Entire Army—Over Three Hundred Wounded Reach Capetown—Good News from Manila.

(By Associated Press to The Independent.)

LONDON, Dec. 13.—General Methuen's reports from Modder river show that his force of about four thousand men was confronted by twelve thousand Boers, posted in a most advantageous position, and that to Monday's fight he met with a crushing defeat. The fighting has continued since Monday, the British sustaining heavy losses in all the engagements, without being able to drive the Boers from their entrenchments.

Later reports from General Methuen, giving a more detailed account of the British reverses at Modder river, have been received at the war office, and have caused great depression. No estimates were given as to the number of killed and wounded since Monday's fight, but it is believed the loss is enormous. General Crege's forces are in an almost impregnable position, and repeated charges failed to break their lines. The Boers made numerous sorties, each time inflicting heavy losses on the British. The greatest apprehension is felt for the safety of the remainder of Methuen's force. Stocks on the exchange have been seriously affected by the disheartening news. South Africans cropping two and one-half points.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Roberts Objects to Testimony Before the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—[By Associated Press]—The Roberts investigating committee held an open session today. Charles A. Owen, of Salt Lake City, testified as to the reputation of Dr. Maguire C. Snapp, who is known as the third wife of Roberts. The proceedings were interrupted frequently by Roberts, who protested against the character of the testimony given by witness.

Major General Leonard Wood has been assigned to duty as military commander and governor of Cuba, to succeed General Brooke.

The President today appointed W. D. Byrum, of Indiana, general appraiser, and William H. Hoey, of Indiana, collector of customs for Arizona.

A WEEK'S VICTORIES.

Aguinaldo Practically Alone and in Hiding.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—[By Associated Press]—General Otis sends reports of a most encouraging character from Manila. Within a week there has been a dozen victories over as many bands of insurgents, including the defeat of General Tioa, who was badly wounded, and lost fifty killed; the annihilation of Aguinaldo's body guard and killing of General Pinar, the ablest of Aguinaldo's officers, and the surrender of General Conception and his force. Aguinaldo, with a mere handful of followers, is in hiding, but his capture is confidently expected.

THE STORM CONTINUES.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 13.—[By Associated Press]—The heavy storms of yesterday and last night continue today over Lake Erie and along the coast. No arrivals of boats for forty hours. At various points on the lakes the registers show a wind velocity of sixty-five miles an hour.

BEEF GOES UP.

The Highest Price Paid in Eighteen Years.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—[By Associated Press]—The highest prices were paid today for beef cattle since Jan. 1, 1882. One car of two-year-olds sold at \$8.25 per hundred, and at other car at \$8.50.

"Grasp All and Lose All."

Many people are so intent on "grasping all" that they lose strength of nerves, appetite, digestion, health. Fortunately, however, these may be restored by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has put many a business man on the road to success by giving him good digestion, strong nerves and a clear brain. It does the same thing for weak and tired women.

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merlin's Cigar Stand (Hotel Conrad),
and Bert Hanklin's News stand in
North Mill street.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1899.

Senator Teller, in frankly acknowledging that he will support Bryan as the free silver champion, reveals the true inwardness of the Bryan movement, which has nothing to do with imperialism or trusts, but is simply a conspiracy of the owners of silver mines to compel the government to give them one hundred cents' worth of gold for forty cents of the baser metal.

The American people are not deluded as to the essential justice of the Transvaal situation, but their resolution to uphold the government of the United States in the observance of rigid neutrality is as firm as was that of England during our recent war with Spain. Senator Mason's appeal to the Senate to express its sympathy for the Boers is uncalculated for and unnecessary and there is little doubt but that as such it will be generally regarded.

There appears to be ample warrant for the statement that if any European power should attempt to interfere in the struggle in South Africa, England would respond by mobilizing her entire fleet and calling out her volunteer forces, naval and military. As an experiment, his would be so deeply interesting that the hope has been expressed that needful provocation will be given by somebody, so that the world may witness the spectacle of the British lion in full battle array.

Another trust has made its appearance in free trade England. The London Economist of November 11, 1899, announces the formation of the United Indigo and Chemical Company, Limited, this being an amalgamation of eight firms which comprise the leading indigo manufacturers of the United Kingdom. As the Dingley law is not responsible for this British combination it does not appear that the absence of a protective tariff constitutes any serious bar to the formation of trusts.

General Wheeler's letters from the Philippines to old friends in the South are luminous with patriotic statesmanship. He says that the question of retaining possession of the islands is beyond discussion; that for the United States to withdraw would be to sacrifice a region of great wealth, capable of infinite development, and would create a condition of anarchy worse than the detested rule of Spain. The evil features of the islands, he declares, have been much exaggerated. There are thirty distinct tribes, and most of them would much more willingly accept our government than that of the Tagals of whom Aguinaldo calls himself the head.

The right of Congress to declare Utah's statehood forfeited is not clearly defined, but there is no doubt that if the breaking of the compact between the United States and Utah should be established, Congress could refuse to allow the state representation. Congressman Taylor is not only desirous of rebuking Mormonism by shutting the doors of Congress against Roberts, but he wishes to finish the work he has begun by proving the second part of his proposition advanced on the floor of the House, namely, that Utah has broken its compact with the United States. As far as the Mormon church is concerned the question is beginning to take a broader aspect, and it appears that Roberts will soon be replaced as the defendant by the state and by the Mormon church.

The American Woolen Company, whose mills are scattered through New York, Connecticut, Maine New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, has increased the pay of his employees ten per cent. The advance has been made voluntarily, there having been not the slightest dissatisfaction among the corporation's employees with the scale of wages which it paid. The feeling expressed by one of the company's agents is that of the average employer of labor who has been affected by the returning tide of prosperity now sweeping over the country. "We are flourishing in the woolen business," said this agent, "and we want our people to flourish with us. We want them to feel glad they are working for us and not for anybody else and we want them to work cheerfully and in comfort. We can afford to help those ideals along just now."

"The battle of 1896 was lost by sticking out a Democratic head to be pounded at every crack in the Democratic fence. That mistake must not be made in the next fight." Thus with words of hope and cheer does the Mansfield Shield urge the party of adversity on to victory. Keep the Democratic heads behind the Democratic fence, or, in other

words, deceive the people. Make them think that the raising of wages all over the country is but another instance of the moral depravity of the Republican administration; make them think that anti-expansion means progress, and that the only way to deal with trusts is to do away with the protective tariff which has been the means of bringing prosperity to the country. Above all things don't let them know that the free silver issue is a plot with the owners of silver mines by which the latter will get one hundred cents worth of gold for forty cents. Keep the Democratic heads behind the fence.

The Canton News-Democrat calls attention to a misstatement of the President in his recent message where the latter says, "Our exports for 1899 alone exceeded by more than a billion dollars our exports and imports combined in 1870," and hints that the chief executive deliberately garbled facts because, as is well known, our exports for 1899, according to the secretary of treasury's report, amounted to \$1,227,023,302, whereas the combined exports and imports for 1870 amounted to \$828,730,176, the difference, therefore, being only \$400,000,000 instead of \$1,000,000,000. It was explained several days ago that what Mr. McKinley had in his mind was the combined exports and imports for 1899, which amounted to \$1,924,171,791, or \$1,093,441,615 more than in 1870. The supposition that the President would attempt a misrepresentation which could be so easily disproved by statistics is as absurd as it is unlikely.

Postmaster General Smith, in his annual report, comments upon the bigger and broader aspect of a thorough system of rural free delivery—the effect upon the people who dwell in rural districts and upon the nation at large of the increased dissemination of good literature and the opportunity for receiving and reading the daily paper. In the long days and evenings of winter the residents of our rural districts have time and opportunity for wholesome reading and study that the people who dwell in the cities are either too busy or too unwilling to take. The thousand amusements, pleasures, duties and obligations which fall to the lot of the city man do not distract his attention. With the facts presented to him on the great public questions, which are coming up in increasing numbers as the years go by, through the medium of his daily paper and through the magazines and other publications, he has a chance to think and to develop the solid citizenship and the hardy civic virtues which are necessary to keep America at the forefront of the nations of the world in all those things which go to make a nation truly great.

A VERY MILD WINTER.

Elias Hartz, the Pennsylvania goose-bone weather prophet, predicts the mildest winter on record. Says Mr. Hartz: "The coming winter will be no winter at all. This year, to make things sure, I used the breastbones of three geese. The bones were all from geese of last spring. To my great surprise, all were alike in color. I was not so much surprised by that as I was to see them nearly all white. Only the slightest bit of purple could be seen on the tail ends of the bones. This purple indicates cold weather, away off in March probably. All the rest of the bone was white, which shows beyond question that there will be no winter at all. The fact that the three bones indicate exactly the same thing might help to convince people who take no stock in the goose bone as a weather sign; but one bone is enough for me. In the last fifty years in which I have made an annual test, the bone has never failed once. The weather always came to pass as indicated by the goose bone. So you need not expect much snow or ice or cold weather until next March. The winter will be the mildest on record."

Something for the New Year.

The world-renowned success of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and their continued popularity for half a century as a stomachic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome that greets Hostetter's Almanac. This medical treatise is published by the Hostetter Company, Pittsburg, Pa., under their own immediate supervision, employing sixty hands in that department. The issue of same for 1900 will be over eleven millions, printed in nine languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health, and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The Almanac for 1900 can be obtained, free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

Some time twixt spring and the wane of the year, you should avail yourself of nature's bounteous and soothing passage-way between Cleveland and Buffalo. Go often. Be continuously merry. The great chain of unsalted seas present as pretty a water-color picture as you could desire to brush against. The humdrum monotony of every day life becomes but a fleeting remembrance, care and ennui give way to the restful delights of the present, and you get your money's worth.

We have a fleet of powerful, commodious and magnificently appointed steamers, which ply between the cities of Cleveland and Buffalo nightly, and Cleveland and Toledo each day.

The Cleveland & Buffalo Transit Company, Cleveland, O.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarella's Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarella's—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

THE WHEELS TURN.

Machinery in Place at the Steel Works.

LARGE FORCE EMPLOYED.

During the Past Sixty Days Work has been Pushed with Wonderful Rapidity—Cold Weather will not Interfere with the Construction of Additional Buildings.

For the first time the wheels turned at the new works of the Massillon Iron and Steel Company, east of the city, Tuesday morning. A prodigious amount of work has been accomplished during the past sixty days, everything being hurried through, though with the greatest care, in a manner characteristic of those having matters in hand.

The pattern shop is now completed, and all the machinery has been installed. The machine shop is finished, and nearly all it is to contain is in place. The power house is receiving its finishing touches, and the next thirty days will see set up therein the engines, boilers, dynamos and air compressors necessary for the operation of the works. The Massillon Bridge Company has the contract for the erection of the main building, and work on this will be commenced next week.

The company now has 100 men at work. Among them are a number of skilled workmen who have come to Massillon from other towns. The force will be increased from time to time, as progress with the buildings warrants. As the work is to be rapidly pushed without delay on account of the weather, it is thought that the early part of May will see the entire plant in operation and a full force of men employed.

NEWS FROM CANTON.

Mayor Robertson Trained by the Blood Hounds Just Purchased.

CANTON, Dec. 11.—The two blood-hounds that Mayor Robertson purchased in Tennessee, last week, arrived Saturday, and are now at the police station. The police expect their aid to be valuable in running down the gang of organized thugs that is holding sway in the city. Although the animals do not look particularly fierce or formidable, Mayor Robertson is willing to vouch that they are just what they were represented to be, and thereby hangs a story. After having carefully inspected the dogs in Chattanooga, Mayor Robertson suggested to their owners that they be given a practical trial. A colored man was induced, for a reasonable compensation to offer himself as a victim. The chase was long and hard, and sixteen long miles were passed over, when the negro was treed. But the mayor apparently doubted the man's honesty. At any rate he announced that he wanted the dogs put on his trail, and forthwith started on a run. Before two miles had been gone over, however, the mayor began to weary, and when a few minutes later the pursuing party caught up, Canton's chief executive was snugly ensconced in the highest branch of a lofty tree. The dogs, as has already been stated were purchased. Guardian has been authorized to mortgage ward's real estate, and borrow money for improvements in the guardianship of Carrie McFarren, of Tuscarawas township.

In the estate of John Gurski, of Jackson township, application to probate will have been continued.

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Louis Moonshower, the C. T. & V. brakeman who was so severely injured at Krumroy, November 10, died at the Aultman hospital Saturday evening, a few hours after the amputation of his left leg at the hip. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday.

Final account has been filed in the estate of John Gruisse, of Beach City.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Jane Castleman to W. E. N. Hemperly, parts of lots No. 141 and 142, second ward, Massillon.

W. S. Spidle to R. B. Crawford, jr., part lot No. 1575, second ward, Massillon, \$200.

J. H. and C. B. Schrader to Bessie A. Schrader, part lot No. 900, second ward, Massillon, \$369.

Joseph Donnelly to Jacob F. Hose, part lot No. 293, fourth ward, Massillon, \$1000.

George Head to Andrew Kinnich, 3 acres, Lawrence township, \$660.

Henry H. Beazel to James S. Beazel, 16 20-100 acres, Bethlehem township, \$1,300.

James Johnson to Xavier B. Airhart, lots No. 34, 35 and 36, Navarre, \$278.

Agnes McAllister to George McAllister, lot No. 277, fourth ward, Massillon, \$550.

John Gruisse to David Johnson, lot No. 9, Beach City, \$300.

David Johnson to H. Kyle, lot No. 9, Beach City, \$300.

John Gruisse to William Justice, lot No. 103, Beach City, \$140.

Sophia Fitz to Margaret Rohrer, one acre, Lawrence township, \$135.

Henderson and Other Prisoners Taken to the Penitentiary.

CANTON, Dec. 12.—Sheriff Zaiser left for Columbus, this morning, having in custody William Henderson, who is to be tried for murder in the January term of court; John Vaughn, sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for burglary and larceny, and Martha Lewis, sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for cutting with intent to wound. The prisoners will be turned over to Warden Coffin at the Ohio state penitentiary. The sheriff was accom-

panied by Turnkey Bowman, W. C. Peters, and Miss Leona Zaiser.

The county commissioners met Monday afternoon to elect a successor to Herman Loeffler as a member of the board of directors of the Stark county workhouse, but, after a session of two and one-half hours' length, adjourned without having effected an election. Each of the commissioners is said to have a candidate of his own, and refuses to become a party to a compromise.

A petition signed by President McKinley and Joseph Biechele, asking that trustees be appointed to take charge of the soldiers' memorial fund, has resulted in the appointment of the petitioners and several other Canton citizens. A monument will likely be purchased. The contribution was started at the soldiers' reunion held in Canton during 1879. It then amounted to \$2,000. Since the interest and additional contributions have raised the sum to nearly \$5,000.

Clerk Casselman and Sheriff Zaiser on Monday drew the names for the jury-men for the next term of court which begins the second Monday in January: GRAND JURY.

Jesse A. Grimes, Alliance; John C. Stanton, Canton; William F. Nash, Marlboro; Frank N. Belden, Canton; F. Transue, Alliance; Samuel Kline, Canton; Ephraim Eckley, Canton; Harvey R. Dittenhafer, Canton; Walter E. Mofit, Tuscarawas; Christian C. Kline, Massillon; Adam Volkmar, Massillon; Isaac M. Barriett, Canton; Joseph H. Dumoulin, Canton; Jefferson Welker, Sandy township; Henry Willman, Plain township; Thomas Mully, Paris; Samuel Ott, Lawrence township; Johnson Grant, Washington township; Charles Ake, Osburg; Oliver P. Shanafelt, Lake; Joseph Quinn, Canton; John Mannweiler, Massillon.

PETIT JURIES.

George Jackson, Canton; Lafayette Wonder, Alliance; George Powell, Marlboro; Daniel Shollenberger, Plain; Abraham Kittinger, Tuscarawas; Henry Aumaucher, Canton township; William Burroway, Canton; George Young, Canton; Andrew J. Muller, Massillon; Henry C. Meuser, Massillon; Carl B. Allman, Massillon; William J. Poyer, Canton; William S. Lindesmith, Alliance; Andrew Schwertner, Canton; James N. McQuern, Canton; Edward L. Herring, Massillon; John Pollock, Lawrence; Andrew B. Hershey, Tuscarawas; Josiah Shively, Canton; Johnson Sherrick, Canton.

Martha Lewis, colored, found guilty of a charge of cutting with intent to kill, was brought into court Monday and sentenced by Judge McCarty to two years in the penitentiary. An indictment against the prisoner for burglary has been nolle.

The case of Albert vs. Walker's administrator, begun before Judge Taylor Monday afternoon, was continued in today's session of court.

In the estate of John M. Floom, of Jackson township, will have been admitted to probate and widow elects to take under the will.

Marriage licenses have been granted to George Switzer and Susan Brown, of North Lawrence, and G. B. Fulton and Luella Landrock, of Canal Fulton.

COUNTY SEAT NEWS.

The Time for Taxpaying is Extended to December 25.

CANTON, Dec. 13.—Treasurer Smith has extended the time for the payment of taxes until December 25. The treasurer's office will be open Saturday evening for the convenience of such as wish to pay at this time.

Another blood hound was received at police station, Tuesday. The animal is of Siberian breed, and much larger than the others belonging to the department.

A marriage license has been granted to Clark W. Metzger and Harriet E. Yost, of Massillon.

The case of Albert vs. Estate of Columbus Miller was intrusted to the jury at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and at 4:30 Wednesday morning, a verdict was returned in favor of the defendant. Plaintiff had sued for \$2,000, alleging that amount to be due herself for care taken of deceased during his old age.

In the case of Milton J. Braucher, administrator, vs. Cleveland Brick Company, plaintiff has filed a motion for a new trial.

First partial account has been filed in the estate of Judith Putman, of Sugar-creek township.

In the estate of John Poorman, of Tuscarawas township, final account has been filed.

Walter Putman has been appointed administrator in the estate of Barbara Marchand, of Sugar-creek township.

HEAVY CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Local Merchants Say It Will be a Profitable Season.

Local merchants have laid in larger Christmas stocks this year than ever before, because the indications are for a heavier demand. The buying commenced a week ago, and trade is now at its height. All the fancy goods stores are crowded afternoon and evening. It is a noticeable fact that people are purchasing articles more expensive than last year, and that there are fewer words about the price.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

Seventeen Heats in a Single Night at the Mill.

Local iron workers say that on Friday night of last week, all records at the rolling mill were broken by the force turning out seventeen heats, or about thirty-five tons of finished iron. Several years ago sixteen heats were worked in one shift, which was heretofore the record. The ordinary day's work is about twelve heats.

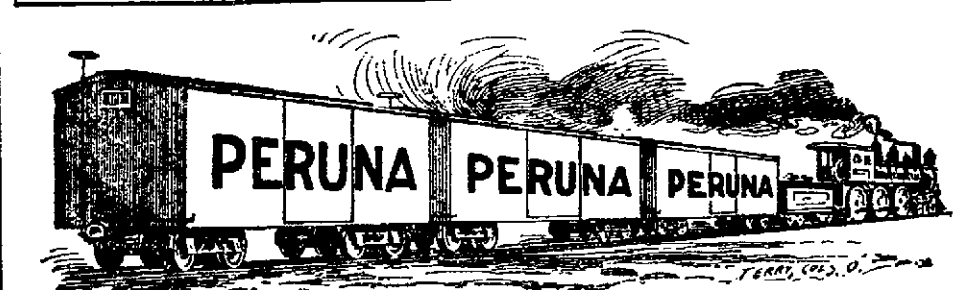
Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take the "No-To-Bac," the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

A COLUMN OF MEDICINE TWO THOUSAND FEET HIGH.

A United States Senator's Letter.

UNITED STATES SENATOR McENERY, OF LOUISIANA.
Hon S. D. McEnery, United States Senator from Louisiana, says the following in regard to Pe-runa:
Pe-runa Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio:
Gentlemen—Pe-runa is an excellent tonic. I have used it sufficiently to say that I believe it to be all that you claim for it.
Very Respectfully, S. D. McEnery.



Three Car Loads Daily.

To meet the demands for Pe-runa as a catarrh remedy during the fall and winter three car-loads per day is required. Few people comprehend what an immense amount of Pe-runa this is. It is eighteen hundred dozen bottles of Pe-runa, each bottle containing twenty ounces. This amounts to twenty-one thousand six hundred bottles, or four hundred and thirty-two thousand ounces, or three million four hundred and fifty-six thousand doses.

Three car-loads of bottles of Pe-runa placed end to end in a single row would extend over four and a half miles; arranged in a column one foot square they would make a column nearly two thousand feet high, four times as high as the highest cathedral tower in Europe, and nearly twice as high as the famous Eiffel tower. Remember, this amount of Pe-runa is shipped daily to meet the enormous demand for this wonderful catarrh remedy.

The facilities of the Pe-runa Medicine Company are taxed to their utmost to keep up this remarkable output, week after week, and month after month. This ever-increasing stream of Pe-runa finds its way into thousands of homes in every state in the Union.

Pe-runa is as efficacious to cure the winter catarrh of New England as the summer catarrh of Texas. Pe-runa is an absolute panacea for the climatic diseases of summer and winter. It is the safe-guard of the home amid the blizzards of Montana, and the ever-present, never-failing remedy for the ills that beset the household in the sweltering heat of Florida.

Mrs. Maggie Turner, Holly Springs, Miss., writes: "About fifteen years ago I was taken with catarrh of the head. I tried several doctors and all the patent medicines I could hear recommended for catarrh. I spent several hundred dollars and found no relief. I was gradually growing worse and was given up to die. Last September Pe-runa was recommended to me by a friend and I began to take it. I had no faith in anything any more, as I was not able to sit up, and was a mere skeleton. After I had taken one bottle of Pe-runa I began to improve. I am now taking the ninth

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THE WATER IMPURE.

As a Result, Many are Seriously Ill.

FIVE WODTLY CHILDREN.

Living in Clay Street, on the Edge of a Swamp, Within Ten Days all are Stricken with the Disease—Four Dangerously ill.

One after another, during the past ten days, five children of Mr. and Mrs. John Wodtly, of 77 Clay street, have been taken down with typhoid fever. The youngest, Emma, aged three years, has been pronounced out of danger, but the other four are very ill. The oldest of the children is but ten years old.

Dr. D. W. Gans, the attending physician, attributes the disease to the use of impure water. The Wodtly residence is on the edge of a swamp, which was at one time a general dumping ground for garbage and rubbish. The well whose water the Wodtlys used is in this swampy land. The physician has advised that the well be closed up and that the family obtain their water elsewhere.

There are a number of other cases of typhoid fever in the city, and it is thought not improbable that most of these have resulted from drinking impure water. It is feared that if others living in Clay street continue to use water from wells in this marshy ground a serious epidemic of the disease will result.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Massillon, December 12, 1899:

Dezmus, Phil. McCrea, J. C.
Eldridge, E. M. McLean, Geo. A.
Keller, John Miller, John
Keith, Jos. Preble, Cyrus J.
Kinkham, E. J. Robinson, W. W.
Leidrick, John Smith, Sherman
McCauley, D. C. Spuhler, Henry

LADIES.

Wright, Mrs. Ed.
Persons calling for the above named letters will please say advertised.

FELIX R. SHELLEY, P. M.

TO SEND THE LIST.

Government Will be Asked for Seventeen Grave-markers.

City Clerk T. H. Seaman, who was selected some time ago to prepare a list of the names and records of deceased Massillon soldiers whose graves are unmarked and forward the same to the department at Washington, said today that although there are ten men about whose companies and regiments he can learn nothing, he has succeeded in finding all the facts concerning seventeen. Mr. Seaman has about given up hope of learning anything of the ten, and he will shortly send in the seventeen names. The government will provide a marker for the grave of every soldier to whom an honorable discharge was issued.

NO IMMEDIATE BENEFIT.

City Laborers Now Receive \$1.50 for Nine Hours.

According to Street Commissioner Helpline, laborers employed by the city would not at present be materially benefited by the passage of Mr. Lewis's ordinance to establish a rate of \$1.50 for nine hours' work. The men now receive \$1.50 a day, and it is seldom that they work over nine hours. In the summer, when the days are longer, usually the men work ten hours. Local labor agitators say that the ordinance should be changed so as to provide \$1.50 for an eight-hour workday.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address, F. J. CHENEY, Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarella. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever, 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Items of Interest Gathered by Our Representatives.

Miss Shy, of Canal Dover, is the guest of Miss Florence Matthews.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, in Wooster street.

Veterinary Surgeon Gove has removed his office to his residence in South Mill street.

William Conrad, after a long and serious illness, is now on the road to recovery.

A pension has been reissued to Samuel Brown, of West Lebanon, granting him sixteen dollars per month.

Charley McGlinchey, of Mineral Point, is the guest of his brother, John McGlinchey, in Summit street.

Miss Ada Coleman and Mrs. Minnie Vogt are assisting in the holiday goods department at the Bee Hive store.

Harry Scott, formerly in the employ of C. E. Jarvis, has accepted a position as fireman on the Pennsylvania railway.

Peter L. Harrington, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is now growing stronger daily, and his recovery is assured.

The Massillon Woman's Cemetery Association cleared \$100 as the result of the three performances of the "Mikado" given at the Armory last week.

Col. C. V. Hard, of Wooster, late of the Eighth O. N. G., is a candidate for the office of United States marshal for the northern district of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Alley, of Norwalk, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday. They were married in Norwalk fifty years ago.

Elof Pierson has been awarded \$8,000 by a jury at Youngstown in a damage suit for injuries against the Lake Shore railroad, on which he was a brakeman.

Frank Lynch, of this city, formerly a C. L. & W. railway engineer, has been appointed to a position in the county treasurer's office. He began his duties Monday.

A. Pulver on Saturday filed his bond as sheriff of Richland county, at Mansfield, and was sworn in. He is the first Republican sheriff of the county in thirty-six years.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Clokey and family have moved into the residence, No. 39 North Hill street, known as the Bucher property. The Clokeys formerly resided in East Oak street.

The funeral of Albert Seifert took place from St. Joseph's church Tuesday morning. The pallbearers were Herbert and Charles Brown, Frank and August Boerner and Jacob and Henry Seifert.

H. E. Sinnock is visiting his family in this city. He will return to Coshocton next Monday and resume his work of transplanting trees. Mr. Sinnock also has some contracts for work at Wooster and Orrville.

Clinton lodge, No. 47, F. and A. M., last evening elected the following officers: Dr. N. W. Culbertson, worshipful master; C. A. Rudy, senior warden; J. E. Johns, junior warden; William Yost, treasurer; James Peacock, secretary; L. P. Schimke, senior deacon; Ludden Garigues, junior deacon; Robert Bell, tyler.

Mrs. and Mrs. I. M. Taggart, Miss Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Taggart and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Diehlmann were among the guests at the wedding of G. B. Fulton and Miss Luella Landrock which took place in Canal Fulton on Tuesday. Mr. Fulton is a brother of Mrs. I. M. Taggart.

An order was issued Tuesday for an election to fill the position of colonel of the Eighth regiment, O. N. G., left vacant by the promotion of Colonel Dick to major general. The nominating convention will be held at Mansfield December 18, and the election will be held at the various company headquarters December 23.

Dr. Harry B. Findley, of Mansfield, the successor of Dr. Rogers, arrived at the state hospital on Monday. Dr. Manchester, of Canton, who will succeed Dr. Clark, is expected at the institution today. Dr. Clark will leave for Washington tomorrow evening. Miss Boone, who has been appointed the successor of Mrs. Melloy, will arrive from Cleveland tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard, whose marriage took place at Smith's Mills, N. Y., last week, arrived in Massillon Sunday evening, having spent their honeymoon at Niagara Falls, Buffalo and other Eastern points. A reception and dance will be given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard at the Crystal Spring home of the former's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard will reside in North Erie street.

The newly elected officers of Hart Post, Grand Army of the Republic, are A. D. Volkmar, post commander; Joseph Remele, senior vice commander; W. S. Brown, junior vice commander; Peter Soharles, chaplain; John Miller, surgeon; H. F. Oehler, quartermaster; O. Martin, officer of the day; William Weaver, officer of the guard; R. A. Pinn, delegate to the department encampment; J. G. Hissong, alternate.

Branch No. 4, C. M. B. A., has elected the following officers: C. L. Halter, president; Frank Seiler and Peter Snyder, vice presidents; Jacob Schmadder, recording secretary; T. J. Hoch, financial secretary; Fred Scheer, treasurer; John P. Paul, marshal; Jacob Zill, guard; Charles Warth, Joseph Schneider and A. Crofut, trustees; John Tragger was chosen as delegate to the next grand council, with F. J. Hoch as alternate.

The local lodge of the Eastern Star has installed the following officers. Mrs. Alice Shedd, worthy matron; James Peacock, worthy patron. Mrs. Alice Kline, assistant matron; Mrs. Harriet Doddridge, secretary. Mrs. Lucretia Simpson, treasurer. Mrs. Isabella Garrigues, chaplain; Mrs. N. W. Culbertson, conductress; Miss Ethel Maughan, associate

conductress; Miss Minnie Gow, organist; Mrs. John Kindig, warder; Mrs. John Gow and Mrs. P. P. Kirchhofer, marshals.

The thirty-second annual convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association will be held in Washington in the church of Our Father, February 8 to 14, inclusively. The delegates from Ohio are Mrs. C. McC. Everhard, of this city, Miss Helen Smith, of Warren, the Rev. Henrietta G. Moore, of Springfield, Mrs. Katherine Henshilwood, of Alliance, Mrs. Hattie A. Sachs, of Cincinnati and Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser, of Girard.

The officers elected Tuesday evening by Stark Tent, Knights of the Macabees, are: H. Lee, commander; Depery Merrell, jr., past commander; Mr. Refus, lieutenant commander; N. Lee, record keeper; D. Doney, finance keeper; H. Schneider, chaplain; Henry Wetter, master-at-arms; John Engelhardt, sergeant-at-arms; Dr. B. J. Miller, physician; A. E. Stewart, first master of the guard; Amos Gross, second master of the guard; Frank Ames, sentinel; W. Wiseman, picket.

Sunday, February 11, 1900, has been set aside by the Ohio Sunday School Association, to be observed as "Decision Day." A common criticism of the Sunday school is that it fails to accomplish its purpose; that it rarely records conversions as the direct result of its teaching. "Decision Day" is the day when Sunday school teachers of Ohio are urged to present to their classes the need of Christ as a personal Saviour. The plan involves preparation. The whole scheme is prepared in circular form and will be freely sent to any person who will apply to Joseph Clark, General Secretary, Columbus, O.

Irresponsible newspapers have been circulating a story that Miss H. Yost, a daughter of Oliver Yost, residing east of the city, had a "thrilling experience" with several highwaymen last Friday evening while driving home from Massillon. The Yosts say that the story is utterly false, as Miss Yost was not in Massillon Friday evening. No report was made to the police, as was stated, and the latter are inclined to look upon the story as a product of some reporter's imagination. It is true that one evening several weeks ago, while Miss Yost was driving from Canton on the south Canton road, a man attempted to catch her horse's bridle, but an account of this was printed at the time.

JOHN LARKIN WRITES.

He Says Mining Conditions Are All Right in Utah.

John Larkin, one of the miners who went with Gomer Thomas to Schofield, Utah, in a letter to his wife declares false all the stories in circulation to the effect that the mines there are death traps and that the Massillon men are making so little money that they cannot get tickets to return home. "The work here," says Mr. Larkin, "is very good. We work every day, including Sunday, and the pay is big. Everything that Gomer Thomas promised us, we have. I will be in Massillon to spend Christmas." Mrs. Larkin and family resides at 285 West Main street.

DRAKE MINERS AT WORK.

Satisfied by the Arrival of Their Kind of Powder.

A large quantity of the kind of powder the Drake miners like best, the lack of which recently caused them to cease work, arrived at the mine last night, and operations have been resumed.

L. C. B. A. Election.

At the meeting of St. Mary's Branch, No. 381, of the L. C. B. A., the following officers were nominated and elected: President, Mrs. Mary Rambacher; first vice president, Mrs. Clara Scheer; second vice president, Mrs. Carrie Mitman; recording secretary, Miss Lizzie Sibila; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Emma Lux, financial secretary, Miss Gertrude Hamel; treasurer, Mrs. Theresa Meiner; marshal, Mrs. Theresa Seiler; guard, Mrs. Pfister; trustees for short term, Mrs. Stemmle, Mrs. Race and Mrs. Scherer. Installation will take place at the first meeting in January. Mrs. Battien, the newly elected supreme deputy, will make her first official visit on that night.

Election of Woodmen.

At the regular meeting of the Woodmen of the World held Monday night the following officers were elected. Past consul commander, W. E. N. Hemperly; consul commander, W. A. Lowe; adviser, lieutenant, H. W. Shafer; banker, W. L. Pochtel, clerk, C. E. Wagner; escort, C. C. Lehman; watchman, H. T. Kannel; sentry, J. W. Rogers; physicians, Drs. M. Smith and D. W. Gans; board of managers, J. Longheier 3 years, J. S. Lahr 2 years, S. L. Cochran 1 year.

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A RUNAWAY CAR.

Exciting Ride of a Small Boy.

NEWS OF CANAL DOVER.

Citizens Are Bound to Have Sewerage—Successful Entertainment at Newman—Green Oak Gossip and Notes from Koch.

CANAL DOVER Dec. 13.—A runaway electric car on the Tuscarawas trolley line between this place and New Philadelphia, going through the heart of the city at a thirty-mile an hour clip, with a frightened 8 year old boy aboard, was something to startle people abroad at an early hour Tuesday morning. The car had been left standing near the power house on Seventh street during the night. About 7 a. m. a little Italian boy, whose name could not be learned, climbed aboard the car, and going to the front end turned on the power. The car started at a good gait and ran to Factory street, making the turn into the latter street when it immediately struck a grade leading through the busiest portion of the city and with full power turned on, gathered speed with every foot. The frightened child did not know how to turn off the current and was afraid to attempt to get off, so he sat huddled up on the seat, a solitary passenger. The car ran at a break-neck speed through town and fortunately did not collide with pedestrians or vehicles. At the C. & P. switch the trolley flew off and the great long arm swung about, breaking the guy wires like strings as the car sped across the Tuscarawas river bridge and stopped at the grade opposite the Reeves Iron Co.'s works. The entire distance covered by the runaway car was about three-quarters of a mile. When the car stopped the little fellow aboard got off hastily and ran toward home. Other cars were on the line at the time, but none of them were met.

Many of the property owners in the business part of the city have not given up securing sewerage, despite the fact that the issuing of bonds for the same was defeated at the last election. Some of those interested have written to Attorney General Monnett, and have been advised that sewerage can be secured by those who want it in a certain portion of the city independently of residents who do not want it. Petitions have been accordingly circulated, and will be presented to the council, asking for the privilege to put in sewerage in front of the buildings of those are willing to pay for it.

The new hotel being constructed by D. Defenbacher, proprietor of the Iron City House, and David King, former superintendent of the street railway here, is well under way and the roof will be on before the first of the year. The new hostelry is to be called the "Herbert" in honor of Mr. Defenbacher's youngest son.

Well based information says that Canal Dover is to have a new steam line. Those who claim to know, state that it will consist of an extension of the Cleveland Terminal & Valley railroad from its present southern terminus, at Valley Junction north of here, to this city. This will make Canal Dover the southern terminus of the line and will make the "Valley a strong competitor with the C. L. & W. R. R. and C. & P. R. R. for Cleveland business and freight for points north.

NEWS OF KOCH.

Koch, Dec. 12.—Mamie Seairight, of Fredericksburg, has been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Josiah Walters, of Elm Grove, was a visitor at the home of J. E. Semonin the past week.

Abram Hartel is suffering with a sprained back.

Mrs. Mayferth and Charles Flack butchered a large hog last week. Joseph Semonin has also butchered a large one, which weighed something over six hundred pounds.

Elmer Cunningham has returned to Akron.

Inez Freed is on the sick list. Cyrus Rieder, of Orrville, and John Rieder, of Wooster, made a flying trip to this place last week.

John Shutz is home on a visit.

Jacob Spade and family, of Lake Fork, are visiting at the home of Jacob Dillard.

John Freed was in town today on business.

Frona Malcuit is suffering with chickenpox.

Charles Stutz is now staying at this place.

George Shaffer is cutting timber near East Union.

Edward Aufrance, of Calamoutier, is preparing for a shooting match on Christmas.

William Fisher, Miss Hattie Fisher and Miss Stella Savann attended the entertainment at Guthrie's schoolhouse Thursday night.

Mrs. William Beeler is on the sick list. The literary society will begin at the Frazee schoolhouse next Wednesday night and will be conducted by Prof. J. Stouffer.

Godfrey Mayferth and John Oalsbagger took a business trip through Holmes county today.

GREEN OAK GOSSIP.

GREEN OAK, Dec. 11.—Joseph Saltzman is on the sick list, suffering from the gripe.

James Bowers, of Akron, was in this vicinity a few days last week on business. Wilbert Singhass, who went out West a few weeks ago, has returned home.

Gust Schaffter, who has been working for the Sunston family for the past nine years, has resigned his position and has gone to Barborton, where he will work

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ABOUT THE ASYLUM

Dr. Clark Receives Beautiful Presents.

EMPLOYEES VOICE REGARDS

Successors of the Doctors Arrive—An Entertainment This Evening—A Patient Brought Back from Navarre—A Natural Gas Blow-out.

The employees of the state hospital yesterday presented Dr. Clark, who will leave Thursday for Washington, with a pair of gold cuff buttons and a diamond shirt stud. Besides the presentation speech and Dr. Clark's happy response, a number of brief addresses were made by other attaches, all expressing regret that the doctor is to leave.

Superintendent Eymann returned last evening from Cleveland. Dr. Eymann lectures fortnightly before the students of one of the Cleveland medical colleges. J. Rockwell has arrived from Toledo to accept a position as an attendant.

Attendant McIntire is spending his vacation at his home in Columbiana county.

Dr. Harry B. Findley, the successor of Dr. Rogers, is a graduate of the West Medical college, of Chicago. He was a member of the class of '99. Dr. Manchester, who will succeed Dr. Clark, has been in practice somewhat longer. For the past three months he has been connected with the staff of the government marine hospital at Cleveland. He is a son of the Rev. Dr. Manchester, of Canton.

A natural gas explosion at the engine house the other evening did some damage. The engineer says the pressure became suddenly higher than usual, causing the difficulty.

An entertainment will be given in the amusement hall by a troupe of colored jubilee singers this evening. The hall now has a stage extending from one side to the other. It is to have several sets of scenery and to be otherwise fitted up in a manner calculated to arouse all the theatrical talent available. The employees are already looking up plays, and the rehearsal of one or another will shortly be commenced.

Mrs. Groginski, of Navarre, was received at the hospital Wednesday. Hers is what is known as a recurrent case. When sent home on trial some months ago she seemed cured, but gradually the old trouble has returned until for a week she has been very violent. She threatened to kill her husband, and talked of cutting out the heart of a neighbor.

Tuesday night her husband stepped over the side of his home for a few minutes. When he came back the doors and windows were nailed shut, and Mrs. Groginski called to him from within that she was waiting with a butcher knife and intended to kill him if he succeeded in breaking into the house.

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How Are Your Kidneys?

Dr. Hobbs' Spargus Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add: Spargus Remedies Co., Chicago or N.Y.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

ALBERT SEIFERT.

Albert Seifert, aged 22 years, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Herman, in Front street, at 5.30 o'clock Saturday evening, of typhoid fever. Mr. Seifert had been ill one week. Previous to two weeks ago Mr. Seifert was employed by Albright & Breckel, and was well known in the city. He is survived by four brothers and four sisters: William, Joseph, August and John Seifert, Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Albert Stephan, Mrs. Charles Snyder and Miss Mary Seifert. Funeral services will be held in St. Joseph's church at 8.30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

MRS. MARY REINOEHL.

Mrs. Mary C. Reinoehl died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jones Walter, near Pigeon Run on Tuesday morning. The deceased was born November 1, 1841. In January, 1869, she was married to the Rev. Hiram Reinoehl, of West Brookfield, who died in August of the same year. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, meeting at the house at 10 o'clock, proceeding to the Myers church, where the services will be conducted by the Rev. W. H. Berry, of West Brookfield. Interment will be made in the Massillon cemetery.

HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY.

S. W. Goudy on the Proposed Electric Line.

Silas W. Goudy, of 112 South Erie street, who claims to have secured every foot of the right of way between this city and Dalton for electric line purposes, says that this new concern which proposes to construct a line from Barborton to Massillon must make terms with him before it can come to this city through East Greenville. "Greenville," said Mr. Goudy, yesterday, "is on the road to Dalton. If these capitalists are willing to stretch their line a mile or two and take in Dalton there will be no difficulty between them and me. Dalton is but a short distance from Greenville, and to have it on the line will mean big business for Massillon. If they refuse to take in Dalton, they'll find me against them."

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, have given away over ten millions trial bottles of this great medicine and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness and all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs are surely cured by it. Cough / T. P. Kelly, druggist, and get a trial bottle free, regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or money refunded.

Red Hot from the Gun.

Was the ball that hit G. R. Steadman, of New York, in the chest wall. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for twenty years. Then Buckle's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures all bruises, burns, scalds, eczema, and all skin eruptions. Best cure on earth for a man when he is a "red hot" from a gun. Did more to give me new strength than any medicine I ever used. Sold by Z. T. Baily, druggist.

Brave Man Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in blood, backache, nervousness, weakness and tired, listless, run-down feeling. No more need to feel like that. Write to J. W. Gardner, Indianapolis, Ind. I says, "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is a 'red hot' from a gun. Did more to give me new strength than any medicine I ever used. Sold by Z. T. Baily, druggist. Every bottle guaranteed."

POULTRY.

RELATIVE COST OF CROPS.

Folly of the Farmer Who Stakes All on One Product.

Any crop that leaves the soil in good condition will cost less than one which apparently pays better but which largely draws upon the soil for plant food.

Ordinary wheat straw takes more fertility from the soil than potatoes. If compared by weight, because the potato is composed more largely of starch and water. The soil should not be considered as a source of food for plants, but rather as a location for growth. The food for the plants to be provided by the farmer, according to the requirements of the crop. No crop pays that leaves the soil poorer, unless sold at a price which will enable the farmer to restore the plant food and also receive a fair profit for his time and labor. The soil is the store house of the farm on which is stored the raw materials for future crops, and the real wealth of a farm is in its soil, as it can be drawn upon in the future for crops that may be in demand. Whether a farmer receives a large return or fails altogether during any year, he has the soil as a savings bank, representing much of that which has been applied to it previously.

Water is a staple article on farms, and is sold more extensively than anything else. Milk contains about 87 per cent. of water, and fruits of all kinds are considered more valuable if water predominates in their composition. Even a grain crop is not free from water, while grass and vegetables are mostly composed of water. Water is, therefore, the cheapest substance produced by the farmer (for he obtains more of it by good cultivation than would be the case otherwise), and next to water is carbon. When oil, butter, sugar and starch are produced on the farm the leaves of the trees and plants derive carbon (carbon dioxide) from the air and store it in their cells. When the animals consume plants they convert this carbon into compounds familiar to all, but the cost of which so far as the fertility of the soil is concerned may be very small, and when the soil can be made to do service without loss the gain is correspondingly as great to the farmer as from a sale.

The real cost of crops on nearly all farms is that of labor, but labor is profitable according to the uses to which it is applied, and the labor-saving implement must assist the laborer. If the farmer continues to grow crops for which he knows there will be low prices his labor will be more expensive than with some better crop. Just what that better crop may be depends upon the location of the farm, the markets, the soil and other conditions. There are seasons when some crops pay better than others, as was the case with peaches last year, which gave good results. An acre of onions may be more profitable than five or ten acres of wheat, and yet the cost of the onions may be less than that of the wheat proportionately. A diversity of crops should be the rule, for no farmer can afford to take the risk of depending on a single crop. The cost will be according to the skill and judgment used by the farmer, and the estimate of profits must always include that which the soil has also gained.

A practical farmer in Massachusetts who has had years of experience in the business, declares that 200 hens will, by proper management, yield a fair support for a small family. Of course this means that with the eggs there is a good garden from which the family may cul supplies during the growing season. If this can be done in Massachusetts why should it not in Maine? If it can be done in Maine, who is there who needs go hungry or without comforts?—Maine Farmer.

The great obstacle in the improvement of the poultry interests is the general ignorance of present conditions and results. There seem to be few who know what they are doing. Ask a man how many eggs he got last year, how much it cost to keep the hens, etc., and it is exceedingly rare that an answer can be secured. The truth is he cannot tell; hence there is no probability of improvement. If we can get people to keeping close records, we can get them to improve their flocks. We are glad that some readers are beginning to take a deeper interest in knowing what results they are getting.—Farmers' Review.

Halter-Breaking Young Colts.

Young colts, when their dams are used in a harness, are frequently troublesome about following, especially when traveling on the highway, where they are liable to meet other horses. It is common to see a young colt run directly away from its dam, when on the road, and becoming bewildered, no little trouble is required to bring it back. To avoid all annoyance from this source, make a soft halter suitable for the colt's head, and hitch it to a strong fence, or some other place, where it can not run around a post and wind the rope up. It may pull for several hours, but will soon learn to stand. As soon as accustomed to the halter, the colt may be taught to lead, by placing the dam a few rods distant from where it is hitched, and leading it toward her. It will be impossible to lead a colt away from its dam, until it has become well accustomed to the halter. By spending a little time with a colt, treating it with the greatest gentleness, it may be taught to travel by the side of its dam, wherever she goes.

The colt's halter to the backband of the dam's harness, so that it can just reach her udder. The length of halter will prevent the colt running forward of the mare when she is traveling. In a few days it will become so gentle, that any one can put on the halter and handle it. When colts are not accustomed to the halter until they are two or more years old, they are frequently very difficult to manage. But if taught to lead when quite young, they can often be changed from one place to another, with little difficulty, and will be much more manageable.

PIGEON NOTES.

Good bone fountains kept thoroughly clean are best for drinking vessels. Pigeons will not eat too much salt if it be kept before them at all times. Never give medicine in drinking water that is contained in metallic vessels of any kind.

Keep nests well dusted with insect powder while the birds are incubating and the squabs will not be covered with lice as soon as hatched.

A hopper full of grain in a loft attracts mice and rats, causes the birds to lose their appetites and to become sluggish and indifferent breeders. If a variety of grain be placed in the hopper they select what they like best and scatter the rest on the floor to become fouled. The Farm Journal plan is better. It is to feed a variety of grain three times a day, and keep dry corn meal and bran mixed in the hopper.

MEN ON HALF RATIONS

Apparent Shortage of Food at Ladysmith.

INTERCEPTED NATIVE RUNNERS.

Reported the Boers Secured Such Information in the Messages Dispatched From Pretoria Said 672 British Prisoners Were Taken at Stormberg.

LOURENÇO MARQUES, Dec. 12.—The following dispatch was received from the Boer Langer near Ladysmith: "Several Kafir runners from Ladysmith to Estcourt have been captured. They received from £15 to £40 for the trip. The intercepted messages show that men and horses in Ladysmith are now on half rations, that whisky is £1 a bottle and that beer is exhausted."

PRETORIA, Dec. 12.—Six hundred and seventy-two British prisoners were taken at Stormberg.

In the fighting at Modder river General Cronje maintained his position and captured 50 British soldiers.

MODDER RIVER, Cape Colony, Dec. 10.—The naval 4.7 gun again took up a position north of the camp this afternoon, while the howitzer battery was posted southeast on the left of the Boers. Both opened a hot fire with lyddite shells and shrapnel, to which the Boers sharply replied with a dozen guns, thus unmasking their position, which was the object of the British maneuver.

After about an hour's fighting the Boer guns were silenced, the howitzers searched the trenches and then threw shell after shell upon the hills, the explosion of the lyddite causing the whole ground over an extensive area to rise in the air in dense brown clouds. A Boer long gun was dismounted.

It now appears that the Boers intend that the next fight is to take place at Magersfontein. Apparently Spytfontein is not defended, or the Boers are unwilling to unmask their position there, as the replies to the British artillery were all from guns at Magersfontein.

FRENCH CAMP, Natal, Dec. 11.—The British cavalry reconnoitered today abreast of Colenso and exchanged shots with parties of Boers who fell back across the river.

The kopjes were observed to be thickly occupied by the enemy.

The railway bridge at Colenso has been completely destroyed. Two stone piers were blown up last night. The highway bridge is intact.

The Claim Declared Fraudulent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The United States supreme court affirmed the opinion of the court of claims in the case of the claim of the Los Abra Silver Mining company against the republic of Mexico holding that claim to be fraudulent and unfounded. The claim was for about \$4,000,000.

Strikers Happy—Strike Declared off.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 12.—The miners' strike at Nanticoke was officially declared off and the event was celebrated by the ringing of church bells, blowing of steam whistles, etc. The strikers gathered in the streets, threw their hats in the air and embraced each other.

Drunk From Wrong Bottle.

TOPKA, Kiu., Dec. 12.—Colonel James Graham and William P. Campbell, two prominent politicians of St. Mary's, drank from a bottle containing a disinfectant, believing it to be whisky, and both are seriously ill and may die.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood.

If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

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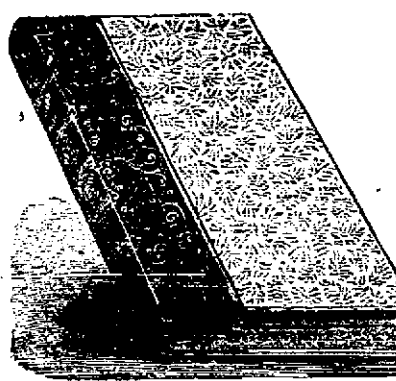
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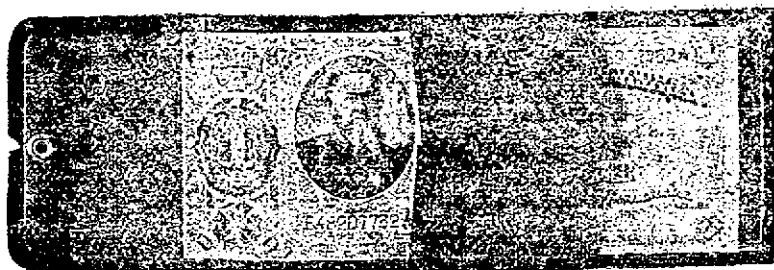


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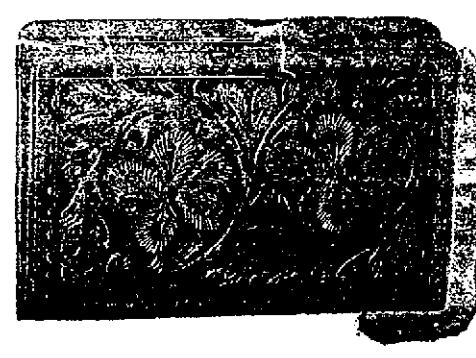
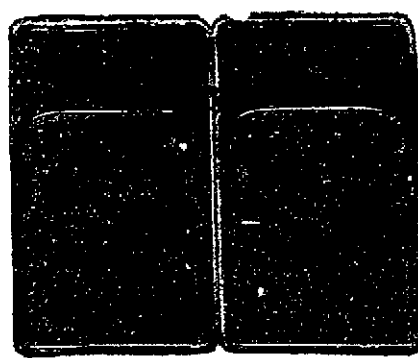
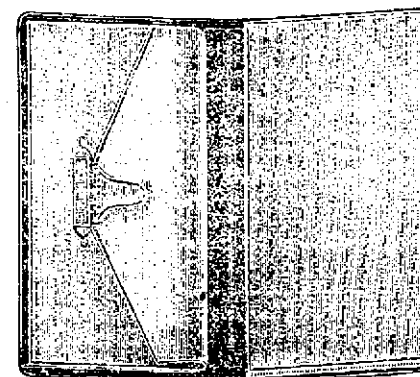
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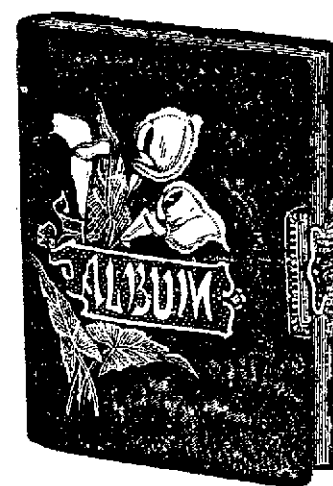


LEATHER GOODS

The Leather Goods were never so pretty as those shown this year. They comprise the choicest goods from the best lines displayed in the New York market. The hand carved and burnt leathers are among the most popular. Pig Skin, Steer Hide, Monkey Skin, Seal Skin, all make very pretty leathers.



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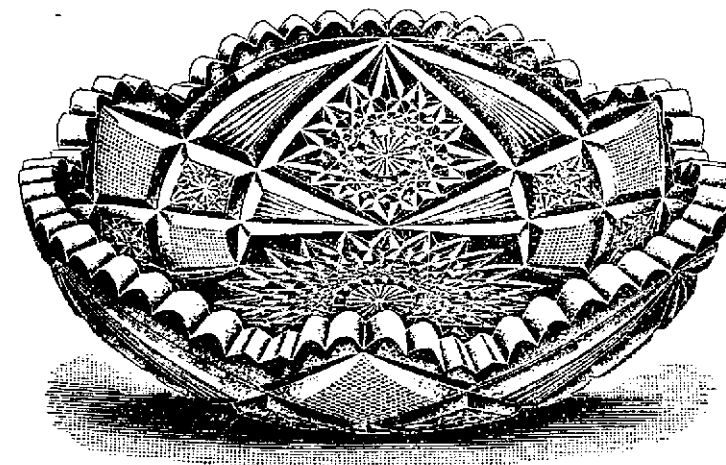
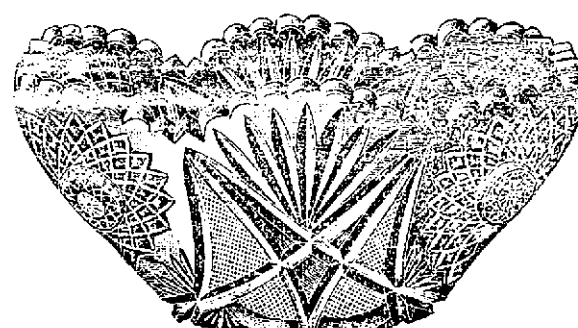
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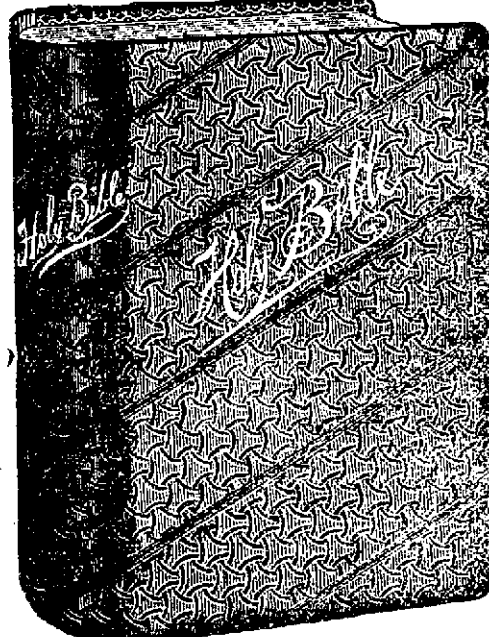
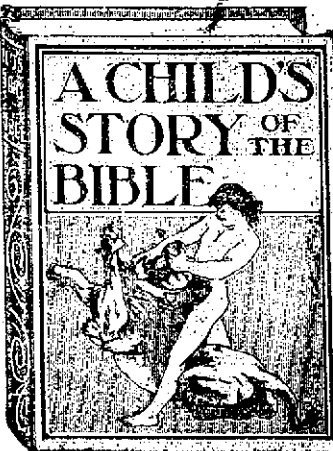


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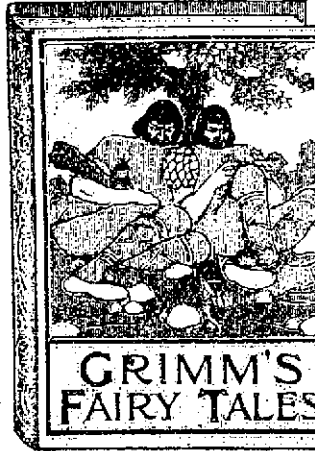


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FOR WINTER WEAR.

FOX FUR IS BECOMING TO ELONGATED WOMEN.

Pelts of the Sliest of Animals Used to Adorn Those Who Dress to Advantage, and Some Who Do Not—White and Red Fox Furs are Most Popular.

Whatever her stature, the average woman who must have the latest thing feels her wardrobe incomplete without a neck decoration which has the head of a fox attached. Such is the skill of the taxidermist the faces of these small creatures are fixed not only in permanently life-like expression, but they represent varying moods. A decided tone of coquetry is imparted to a costume otherwise the most innocent and girlish by the peering of a fox's crafty face from an unexpected hiding place.



The great variety of color in fox furs makes choice of a becoming hue possible, yet economy is no object. The skins are silver, white, red, blue and gray, with grades of shades between, especially a hybrid sort, a cross between silver and red. Next to the fur or the silver fox this cross is the most costly. The darkest skins are the choicest.

Furriers take great latitude in the naming of colors seen in pelts. The "blue" of fox fur is not the blue of millinery, it is only a shade off from gray, just an inclination toward cerulean. Next to the silver, the blue fox is the variety dearest to the afternoon feminine fancy. Specimens of dyed blue fox fur are on sale in abundance at low prices. The best furriers speak scornfully of this imitation cheap grade, assuring patrons that it wears badly and gives slight satisfaction. They keep it on sale, however, for those customers who value its softness as a frame to the face rather than its actual merit as a fur. Genuine blue fox comes from Greenland, Labrador and the Alaskan islands. Certain rare varieties are spoken of as "purple." Only a trained eye would recognize the purplish tint in the gray skin. Great coats of white fox and white muffs are accessories to a driving or evening toilet. Occasionally some pretty woman, misinformed, makes this color and material a part of a street or matinee costume. It is too dreary for general wear. Aside from its fitness for evening and carriage use, it is adapted to many needs of children.

The white fox's home is in the extreme North, the land of perpetual snow. This little fellow's fur is especially fine and beautiful. Red fox, in color really more like the blue which most women recognize as burned orange, is peculiarly becoming to certain brunettes of clear complexion, and to blondes with reddish-yellow hair. On women of sallow complexion the red variety is seen unhappily. It is the red rhyard which so long has been notorious for chicken stealing. For years in honorable death, this pestiferous animal has served as a carriage rug. Now, adopted as circlet for fair throats, his fate is better than his record warrants. The lovely gray fox comes from Virginia and the South.

The time has passed when a woman buys one set of furs and straightway calls "enough"—if she ever did. With in the memory of some of us, a woman expected certainly not more than one fur article for the neck, and one muff, each year, whatever she might have thought about it, had her preferences been consulted. In the dress plans of the contemporary mondaine, her fox collar and muff were mostly for half-season use; for spring and fall. Longer and heavier than the fur coats of previous autumns, those now worn by fastidious women able to gratify their whims will be laid aside in favor of jaunty pelt coats later. Many of the fox fur collars serve as outer garments. They cover the neck and chest, and by some unknown distributive process they lend warmth to arms and to backs not protected by other wrap than the dress waist. Women who must plan for economy's sake will use their fox furs throughout the winter, smuggling a close-fitting jacket beneath them. The extravagant dresser prefers in cold weather a fur-trimmed garment to an outer coat and removable furs. Recently there was seen, worn with a severe dress, a dress of steel blue velvet a deep, thick long "whole-skin" collar of the fox. As the trade name of this was done from the entire skin of one animal the brush and hand being below the belt line while the head crossed the blue velvet band of the collar and fastened firmly.

A new mode, not likely to become common at once, since heads, paws and tails are too expensive to apply to low-priced furs, dangles the brush of the fox used for the muff, from one end of the hand-warmer. From the other side sprawl the bright-red head and front legs. Another attractive box worn with a black cloth gown was made from two gray foxes joined at the back of the neck, the heads and brushes at the ends, which fell below the waist in front, adown the skirt. This season's mode of combining at least two furs comes forth in a smart little garment, which is partly cape, somewhat "steak" ends and much rolling collar. Krimmer, Crimean lamb, is

fitted into the neck and collar, and a beautiful gray fox, showing no evidences of the furrier's scissors, is laid upon the edge of the collar to form the shoulder cape. In this instance the head, without the tail, is used to decorate the muff. These important adjuncts of that particular animal have gone to complete the muff or collar of some other garment. It will be noted that the furriers are in conspiracy with the gown-makers to elongate the female figure, so far as lines will do it.

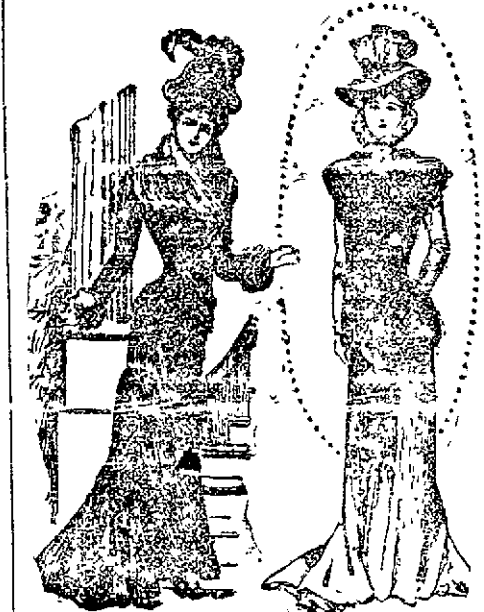
One of the proud boasts of the designers of fur wraps for this winter is that each garment has an individuality. It is easy to verify this statement, by casual inspection. A first effort in this direction brings up upon a curious and perhaps beautiful cape. It is fashioned from the skins of two silver foxes. The heads and necks form the elbow sleeves. At the back the cape is short, while in front the ends are long, with the brushes finishing them. Worn with a gown of gray satin cloth and a poke bonnet of gray trimmed only with gray taffeta ribbons, the complete effect is novel and harmonious, though I suppose that a warm admirer of the original capelet hardly would call it a practical garment for a person of moderate means. But there are simpler uses for fox. An example of which we have in the drawing, which shows the "red" fur of this variety applied as wide collar and deep cuffs to the jacket of a gown of harmonizing brown homespun. The costume is suitable for wear all winter. A hat of snuff-colored tulle taffeta touched up with piping of snuff-brown velvet suits the brunette wearer. It is said that there are skeptics who doubt the Samson tale of the flaming foxes and the burning fields, on the ground that there were not foxes enough in the world at that time to produce such general conflagration.

To judge from the women's costumes of New York city only, there are enough foxes right in that town to burn up a wide territory, if the foxes were alive and in full possession of their tails. The supply of foxes may or may not be exhausted in this phase of fashion.

It is not the intention to give the impression that fox is worn to the exclusion of other fur. In a season during which the skins of animals are and will be used in costumes extraordinary the fox, perhaps, is the variety most popular, though there are many other sorts of fur in evidence, and rare garments from them which should be spoken of at another time.

Always after the fashions in gowns, coats, hats etc. for the winter have been settled and women have an idea that they have bought almost everything necessary, there appears in the shops a great quantity of fascinating little accessories of dress that it is simply impossible for a woman who likes pretty clothes to resist. Among these are the different styles of neckwear, the belts, the ornaments to wear in the hair, the new designs in jewelry, and last, but not least, the corsets.

From time immemorial the best dressmakers and tailors in Paris have been particular as to the shape and style of corset their customers shall wear, and the most expensive dressmakers absolutely refuse to fit a gown over a corset that is not correct in every particular. It is a recent thing in this country for dressmakers to insist upon any particular make of corsets being used, but this year they be-



gan it, and many of them now are just as arbitrary as the French or English. There is a great deal of sense in this idea, and especially this season, when the lines of the gown are so much more important than they have been, and when the skirts, no less than the waists, have to be fitted so carefully. There is no one make of corset that is demanded by any dressmaker, unless it so happens she is in some way bound to some special corset, but the requirements are that the figures will be made to look as well as possible. There is no limit to the price in expense of corsets, and, of course, when the fad is gone into of having rich brocades used it can easily be seen what an opportunity there is for charging high prices. But a fine corset is all that is necessary, and a simple finish of lace is in perfectly good taste. The best corsets have plenty of room over the hips and also above the waist, but are so cut that they can be pulled in tight over the hips. The bust of the corset is made low, but not quite so low as last year, and the elastics now are worn sewed on the front of the corset and also at the sides, and this is a capital plan to keep the corsets in place.

This recipe is suited to those who do not like sue: in puddings. Work two ounces of butter and two table-spoonfuls of brown sugar together add a well beaten egg gradually stir in two table-spoonfuls of treacle and a teaspoonful of milk. Blend a teaspoonful of baking powder with half a pound of flour and gradually mix it with butter, treacle, etc. Place in a greased mold, boil for two hours and serve with any nice sweet sauce.

A new way of blasting rock is to place a cartridge of water in a shot-hole and convert it into steam instantly by electricity. This method is especially applicable in coal mines.

ENCOURAGED HIM

By Turning the Grindstone While He Put an Edge on a Woodman's Ax.

In some countries women are chosen for wives because of their capacity for work. In some for their beauty, in some for their accomplishments, and in others for all three. This story has to do with an Oregon woman, who is not beautiful—just a plain brunette. She is willing to be wife, but only to a man who will do all the work and hand over all the money on pay day. Her summer vacation took her this year to the farm home of a girl friend in the country. This girl has a brother big strong and husky, a regular machine for work, but without prospects except such as the farm affords, and the farm is heavily mortgaged. He toiled day after day. He arose with the sun and retired when his day's work was done, no richer, no poorer than when he arose. She watched him at his work. She sympathized with him, and once she turned the grindstone for him when he was trying to put an edge on a woodman's ax. The grindstone, cold and inflexible as it was, was a conductor of love. He felt the warmth of the love, but she did not. If she thought of it at all, she pondered what a lovable husband he would make if he only had money.

The flight of time brought the hour of the girl's departure for the city. He thought of the many country parties to which he had taken her and of the countless times he had looked wicked-eyed at the country swains who had looked sweet-eyed at his love. She thought only of the time when she would reach home and whether mamma would have tea ready. At the rain, the parting place, he took heart and proposed.

"Marry you?" said the damsel. "How could I think of marrying a man with no money nor prospects?"

"You do not love me?" he asked sadly.

"Then why did you encourage me?"

"What encouragement have I ever given you?" she asked in genuine surprise, for she did not forget she was a practical woman.

"No encouragement?" he whimpered. "Then why did you turn the grindstone for me?"

Shaved by an Erudite Barber.

When a famous archaeologist went into his club the other afternoon his erudite countenance was ornamented at several points with sticking plaster, and there was a general inquiry among his friends as to what was the matter.

"Razor," said the professor, briefly. "Good gracious! Where were you shaved?" asked one of the younger members, sympathetically.

"It's a strange thing," said the man of learning. "I was shaved this morning by a man who really is, I suppose, a little above the ordinary barber. I know of my own knowledge that he took a Double First Class at Oxford, that he studied at Heidelberg after-ward, and spent several years in other foreign educational centres. I know a good deal of my own knowledge, that he has contributed scientific articles to our best magazines, and has numbered among his intimate friends men of the highest social and scientific standing. And yet," soliloquized the savant, "he can't shave a man decently."

"By Jove!" exclaimed the young member, in astonishment. "What is a barber for, with all those accomplishments?"

"Oh! he isn't a barber!" said the book worm, yawning. "You see, I shaved myself to-day."

Only His Nightcap.

"What have you in that bundle, my friend?" and the customs officer at the Woodward avenue dock eyed suspiciously the package that a passenger on the last Windsor ferry was carrying under his arm.

"Just my laundry, Cap'n" rather nervously replied the man with the bundle.

"Sorry to trouble you, you know, but I'll have to see the inside of it. Step in here."

Inside the office, over which flies the flag with the vertical bars, the revenue officer opened the suspected bundle. It contained laundry, sure enough, shirts, collars, cuffs, nightgowns and handkerchiefs falling out in confusion. But snugly tucked away in a bunch of socks was a quart bottle filled with the amber-colored corn juice that makes Walkerville so popular a place for the revelance of the imagination.

Though the owner flushed a little higher, he was unperturbed.

"Do you call that a part of your laundry?" sarcastically growled Uncle Sam's minion, as he proceeded to appropriate the bottle.

"That's my nightcap, officer."

"Then it needs washing too. Take it along with you my friend. I wouldn't spoil that stuff for you for all Uncle Sam's orders."—Detroit Free Press.

Staying Out Nights.

A young wife who lives at Edgewater came to her mother-in-law with a heart-broken expression recently and saw herself on the floor, in the abandonment of grief.

"Why, what is the matter, Mary?" the elderly lady exclaimed. "Has anything happened to Will?"

"Oh, mother! He's taken to staying out nights!" wailed the unhappy young woman.

"How long has this been going on, my dear? It doesn't seem possible I used to know all about my boy's habits and he never went anywhere he shouldn't. How late does he stay away?"

"You know he usually leaves the office at 5 o'clock, mother. Night before last he never got home until 6 and last night he didn't set foot in the house until twenty minutes after 6. Oh, what shall I do?"

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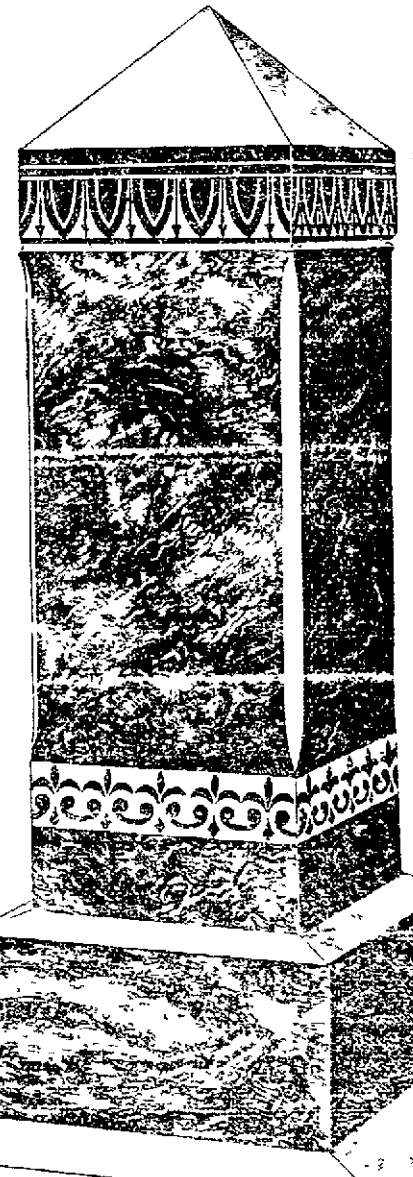
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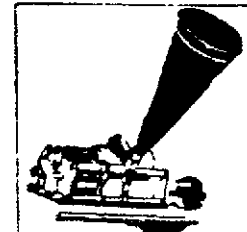
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